



Department of Conservation and Recreation
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DCR Announces Public Meeting for Forest Resource Management Plan Update

In November of 2008 four comprehensive Forest Resource Management Plans (FRMPs) were prepared at the forestry district level, covering the Northern Berkshire district, the Central Berkshire district, the Southern Berkshire district, and the Western Connecticut Valley district. DCR's Stewardship Council approved these four plans with the condition that they be revisited and revised based on the Forest Futures Visioning Process.

The Western Connecticut Valley FRMP has been updated based on the outcomes of the Forest Future Visioning Process. It is intended to be a template for the other three approved plans and the FRMPs to be prepared for the Eastern Connecticut Valley, Mid-State, Northeast, and Southeast forestry districts.

Notable updates to the Western CT Valley FRMP are

- Change from Reserve, Intensive Recreation and Active Management to Reserve, Parkland, and Woodland and account for designation of properties
- Integrate Forest Futures Visioning Process (FFVP) and Technical Steering Committee's (TSC) Landscape Designation Criteria and Guidelines (LD) selection criteria and guidelines into plan
- Add properties acquired since 2008
- Produce new expected results of implementing plan including forest structure and timber outputs.

The FRMP will be offered for public review 6:30 PM, April 21, at the John Olver Transportation Center located at John Olver Transportation Center, 12 Olive St., Greenfield, MA.

The website address to view information on Forest Resource Management Planning is:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/forest-management-planning.html>

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